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**Universal Postal Service and the Postal Monopoly**

Topic No 1. Scope of "Universal Postal Service" and "Universal Service obligation"

No comment: We understand the scope of Universal Postal Service" and "Universal Service obligation

Topic No 2. Historical Development of Universal Service the USO and Monopoly Laws

No comment: We understand the Historical development of Universal Service the USO and Monopoly Laws.

Topic 3. Universal Service: Geographic Scope

Comment: All Mail recipients fall within the scope of Universal Service and our internal surveys show that the United Postal Service is providing excellent service to urban and rural areas.

Topic No 4. Universal Service Range of Product Offerings

Comment: Our current range of products being sent through the Postal Service consists primarily of first class letters, flats, and parcels not exceeding 70 ounces. We do not anticipate that they will be change in the items being mailed.

Topic No 5. Universal Service: Access to Postal Facilities and Services

Comments: It is our opinion that our current access to postal facilities and services are excellent.

Toipic No 6. Universal Service: Frequency of Delivery

Comments: Current delivery schedule meets our needs.

Topic No 7. Universal Service Obligations Rates and Affordability of Service.

Comments: Given the services being provided and the rates charged, the governance services are adequate.

Topic No 8. Universal Service: Quality of Service.

Comments: We believe that the Postal Service provides excellent service. For 42 cents, we can send a letter to Alaska or Hawaii and have it delivered within one to two days.

Topic No 9. Methods of calculating the cost of the Universal Service Obligation

Comment: The current method of using the consumer price index to calculate the rate change is adequate pending the overall review in 2016.

Topic No 10. The Implications of the Universal Service Obligation for the Postal Monopoly.

Comment: Any change to the universal service obligation and mailbox monopoly will negatively affect the current standards of access to mail services for citizens in rural areas. Changes will not only result in less control, but will also lead to security concerns if mail boxes are open multiple carriers.

Topic No 11. Universal Service, the Universal Service Obligation and the Postal Monopoly in Other Countries

Comment: Postal reforms in other countries have resulted in limited service and higher cost of operation as a result of reduction in economics of scale for mail carriers.

Topic No 12.

Comment: No comment.

Thanks for your consideration of our comments.

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